

03068.000100.2



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re Application of:*

HUGO A. ERNST ET AL.

Appln. No.: 10/668,503

Filed: September 24, 2003

For: **ASSEMBLY OF HOLLOW TORQUE  
TRANSMITTING SUCKER RODS AND  
SEALING NIPPLE WITH IMPROVED  
SEAL AND FLUID FLOW**

)  
) Examiner: David Bochna  
)  
)  
) Group Art Unit: 3679 ✓  
)  
) April 26, 2004  
)  
)  
)

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the claims, as

follows: